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SUB: THE BRITISH ARE WATERING OUR WHISKEY

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- 2. GERMAN CUSTOMS HAVE NOTIFIED EC CUSTOMS OFFICIALS THAT THEY HAVE JUST RECEIVED A SHIPMENT OF QUOTE FINEST FOUR YEAR OLD BOURBON WHISKEY UNQUOTE FROM THE RED LION BLENDING CO., LTD., 1 ST THE VILLAGE, NORTH END WAY, LONDON N. W. 3, ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFICATED ISSUED BY H. M CUSTOMS GLASGOW. THE CERTIFICATE STATES THAT THE PRODUCT CONSISTS OF 15756 LITERS OF BOURBON WHISKEY PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES TO WHICH 935 GALLONS OF WATER HAVE BEEN ADDED PRODUCING A TOTAL QUANTITY OF 20352.4 LITERS OF QUOTE FINEST FOUR YEAR OLD UNQUOTE. THE ORIGINAL US PRODUCT HAD AN ALCOHOLIC CONTENT OF 55.1 DEGREES GAY LUSSAC, BUT THE ADDITIONAL WATER HAS REDUCED THE FINAL PRODUCTS TO 43.3 DEGREES GAY LUSSAC.

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